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But I do appreciate Senator Landis offering this up like this. I think it does make sense. We need to come to some resolution one way or another. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Bourne. Senator Hartnett, on the Landis amendment to LB 888.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Mr. Chairman, members of the body, I don't want to speak about the amendment, I guess. I've been Chairman of the Urban Affairs Committee for 18 years and I think we've had a gas bill for 18 years. But I think last year we made a major, major step by turning the power of it over to the Public Service Commission. And I think the cities had to lose out west, I think \$487,000 they lost with a rate case. And so I think that finally got to the cities, we need some control because the lawyers on the gas companies are better than the city people. But I agree with what Senator Bourne says. I think we need to...and I think MUD has had a spokesman, Senator Bourne, over the years on the committees speaking for them. But I think there is money being wasted when you put in pipe into the ground and then you're told to pick it up by decision afterwards. And I think when...I don't know what their thinking was, but they did lose. So hopefully someone next year can take over this issue of gas and maybe we can...we have made great strides over the years--'87, is that it, or '78 was a stride; a bill that Senator Landis had last year was a stride. So hopefully we can come to a good agreement because we're unique. We have both public and private gas companies. A lot of states are all one or the other, and we're kind of a mix. And it's...and I think that's unique about the state like we are unique in lots of things, with this body right here. So good luck to the people that are going to be here next year. (Laugh) Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Hartnett. Senator Preister, on the Landis amendment.

SENATOR PREISTER: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. I don't know if Senator Friend's bicycle is a Schwinn or a Huffy. I don't know if it's powered by sweat or ethanol. I do understand his issue with Senator Landis attaching an engine